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Ellen C. Wheatley, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Wheatley:

This letter addresses how the Upper Sioux Community plans to decide and utilize the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

The Upper Sioux Community (USC) has not yet determined how CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows: 1) Meet with USC program and contracts and grants staff to determine how best to direct these funds to address gaps in the Tribe's COVID-19 response efforts; 2) Complete an updated letter to the Office of Child Care describing the activities that the Upper Sioux Community will implement with these funds; and 3) Submit the updated letter to the Regional Program Manager by April 30, 2021.

Although the Upper Sioux Community has not yet determined specific activities for the CRRSA funds, the detailed letter that will be submitted by April 30, 2021 will utilize the categories below to describe the Tribe's identified activities. These activities will comply with program parameters and will specifically address the category under #4.

1. Direct Services/Subsidies;
2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices;
3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers;
4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic;
and
5. Other.

Additionally, the Upper Sioux Community will amend the Tribe's CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Audrey E. Fuller
Authorized Organization Representative
Upper Sioux Community

cc: Gena L. Miller, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care, Region V
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